

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An escutcheon plate assembly for a fire-resistant enclosure, the enclosure having a drawer with a front panel, wherein the front panel has an opening defined therein, the escutcheon plate assembly comprising:

an escutcheon plate body adapted to be positioned within the opening in the front panel;

at least one flange extending outwardly from the escutcheon plate body; and

a fastening clip that is adapted to be positioned between the front panel and the at least one flange.

2. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 1, wherein the at least one flange includes first and second portions, wherein the first portion extends outwardly at a first distance from the escutcheon plate body, and wherein the second portion extends outwardly at a second distance from the escutcheon plate body.

3. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 2, wherein the first distance is greater than the second distance.

4. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 3, wherein the first distance is approximately two times greater than the second distance.

5. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 3, wherein a slot is defined in the first portion of the at least one flange.

6. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 1, wherein the fastening clip has an opening defined therein, wherein a snap arm extends from a main body of the fastening clip and is positioned within the opening, and wherein the snap arm has a protrusion extending therefrom that fits within a snap opening defined in the at least one flange.

7. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 6, wherein the fastening clip further includes a ridge formed along an edge of the fastening clip.

8. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 1, wherein the escutcheon plate body has a handle recess defined therein.

9. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 1, further comprising a locking assembly coupled with the escutcheon plate body.

10. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 1, wherein the escutcheon plate body includes a side edge, and wherein the at least one flange extends from the side edge.

11. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 1, wherein the at least one flange and the front panel overlap.

12. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 11, wherein at least a portion of the at least one flange is positioned adjacent to a back surface of the front panel.

13. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 1, wherein the at least one flange includes an extension wall and an offset wall, wherein the extension wall and the offset wall define a slot, and wherein the slot is adapted to receive the fastening clip.

14. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 13, wherein the extension wall extends in a generally perpendicular direction away from a back surface of the front panel, and wherein the offset wall extends from the extension wall in a direction that is generally parallel to the back surface of the front panel.

15. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 13, wherein the fastening clip has an opening defined therein, wherein a snap arm extends from a main body of the fastening clip and is positioned within the opening defined in the fastening clip, and wherein the snap arm has a protrusion extending therefrom that fits within a snap opening defined in the offset wall.

16. An escutcheon plate assembly for a fire-resistant enclosure, the enclosure having a drawer with a front panel, wherein the front panel has an opening defined therein, the escutcheon plate assembly comprising:

an escutcheon plate body adapted to be positioned within the opening in the front panel;

at least one flange including first and second portions, the first portion extending outwardly at a first distance from the escutcheon plate body, the second portion extending outwardly at a second distance from the escutcheon plate body, the first distance being greater than the second distance, the first portion including an extension wall and an offset wall that define a slot; and

a fastening clip that is adapted to be positioned within the slot between the front panel and the first portion of the at least one flange.

17. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 16, wherein the first distance is approximately two times greater than the second distance.

18. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 16, wherein the fastening clip further includes a ridge formed along an edge of the fastening clip.

19. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 16, wherein the escutcheon plate body has a handle recess defined therein.

20. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 16, further comprising a locking assembly coupled with the escutcheon plate body.

21. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 16, wherein the at least one flange and the front panel overlap.

22. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 16, wherein the extension wall extends in a generally perpendicular direction away from a back surface of the front panel, and wherein the offset wall extends from the extension wall in a direction that is generally parallel to the back surface of the front panel.

23. The escutcheon plate assembly in claim 16, wherein the fastening clip has an opening defined therein, wherein a snap arm extends from a main body of the fastening clip and is positioned within the opening defined in the fastening clip, and wherein the snap arm has a protrusion extending therefrom that fits within a snap opening defined in the offset wall.

24. A fire-resistant enclosure comprising:
an internal housing including a front access opening and a rear wall;
a front panel for covering the front access opening of the internal housing, the front panel having an opening defined therein;
an escutcheon plate assembly positioned within the opening in the front panel, the escutcheon plate assembly having a body with a handle recess defined therein; and
a rear shell covering at least a portion of the rear wall of the internal housing, wherein the rear shell is positioned opposite of the front panel, and wherein the rear shell includes a handle recess insert.

25. The fire-resistant enclosure in claim 24, wherein the handle recess insert is integrally formed in the rear shell.

26. The fire-resistant enclosure in claim 24, wherein the escutcheon plate assembly further comprises:

at least one flange extending from the body, wherein the flange has a slot defined therein; and
a fastening clip that is adapted to be positioned within the slot.

27. The fire-resistant enclosure as recited in claim 26, wherein the at least one flange includes first and second portions, wherein the first portion extends from the body at a first distance, and wherein the second portion extends from the body at a second distance.

28. The fire-resistant enclosure in claim 27, wherein the first distance is greater than the second distance.

29. The fire-resistant enclosure in claim 28, wherein the slot is formed in the first portion of the flange.